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School Group Seek Supplement Funds Through Election

The Perquimans County Committee for Better Schools met on March 29 at the Court House in Hertford, together with a large group of interested citizens from all parts of the county. After a thorough discussion of the need for better schools, the committee, together with the group of citizens present, voted to request the County District School Committee to send a petition to the Board of Education that it recommend that the County Commissioners call an election by the people of the county, who would vote on measures designed to enrich the educational program of the county's schools. After the citizens' committee adjourned, the District School Committee met and approved the petition which the citizens had requested.

In the citizens' committee, co-chairman Floyd Matthews presented the other co-chairman, Mrs. H. C. Sullivan, who reviewed facts about the need for better education as brought to light in recent PTA studies and in the first meeting of the Better Schools Committee. School Superintendent J. T. Biggers gave some details of the rules and policies which govern the operation of the school budget. He mentioned various sources of revenue from taxation and items for which it is spent. Members of the audience took part in the discussion period, with questions and answers, which gave additional information about the schools and their support. One fact brought out was that Perquimans County receives many times as much tax money from the state for county school teachers as salaries as it contributes to the state in supporting its own schools must be increased if they are to be improved. But it was pointed out that such an increase will require slight changes in present tax schedules and an election is necessary to provide the Board of Education with authority to use funds for a better school program in general, since they are no longer needed for the new school buildings which have been completed. This better school program could include such items, at the discretion of the Board of Education, as increased salary for teachers and better facilities for science teaching and library work, as well as increased secretarial help.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. R. S. Monds announced several magazine articles currently appearing in publications on American education and mentioned television programs on educational needs. She urged each citizen to get this information in order to know more about the part that he can have in improving the school system.

Schedule of Church Services Is Given

Residents of Hertford, and of Perquimans County, are reminded of the opportunities for religious observance of the Holy Days of Easter Week. On Friday, from 12 o'clock noon until three o'clock there will be a union Good Friday observance at the Baptist Church. Meditations on the Seven Last Words of Jesus will be brought by the Rev. Paul Shultz, Episcopal rector, the Rev. James Mattox, Baptist minister, and the Rev. James Auman, Methodist minister. The service is divided into thirty-minute periods for the convenience of those who cannot attend the service for the entire three-hour period. Many businesses of the town will be closed during these hours.

On Easter morning at 5:41, a Sunrise Service will be held at the St. James Cemetery. The Rev. James Mattox will bring the message at this service at Christian people assemble to welcome the Easter Dawn.

Ministers of the participating churches are urged their congregations to attend these two union services, and to attend the church of their choice for the 11 o'clock worship service on Easter Day.



"For Christ Is Risen and All the Earth's at Play."

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

President Eisenhower vetoed a bill passed by Congress freezing farm prices for a period of one year. The presidential action had been predicted and it is now anticipated leaders in Congress will study the proposition to determine if efforts will be made to override the veto. The Department of Agriculture has reported farm prices recently have shown improvement over past months.

The international tug-of-propaganda increased in tempo this week when Russia announced suspension of nuclear tests. The West countered the Communist move means nothing since the Russians reject an inspection program which is the only way to assure the world such tests are in reality being halted by any nation.

Economic reports from over the nation this week revealed little change in the national economy; certain industrial areas continued hard hit by unemployment although the reports showed stockpiles of inventories were going down. Meanwhile the government adopted a new housing bill aimed at helping ease the employment condition and are still working on other proposals aimed at economic recovery.

Judge Malcolm B. Seawell of Lumberton has been named to the office as State Attorney General by Governor Luther Hodges to fill the vacancy created by George Patton, who resigned to run for the office of Superior Court Judge.

the gigantic Navy Relief Ball that night will be a first classman from the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Patricia Jane LeMay, 19-year-old daughter of Air Force General and Mrs. Curtis LeMay, will reign as Queen Azalea V. Her coronation in the beautiful Azalea gardens at Norfolk will be the major feature of the week-long program of sporting, cultural, gardening and social events beginning April 14.

Members Attend District Meeting

Six members of the Auxiliary of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion were in Belhaven this week attending the First District meeting of the organization. Representing the local unit were Mrs. W. G. Hollowell, president; Mrs. C. A. Davenport, Mrs. C. T. Skinner, Sr., Mrs. B. C. Berry, Mrs. J. E. Jones and Mrs. C. E. Pritchard.

At the invitation of Mrs. Hollowell, the meeting voted to hold its next district gathering in Hertford. The date will be announced later.

Donald Baker Named Student President

Donald Baker, vice president of the Perquimans County High School Student Council, is the new president of the Eastern North Carolina District Student Council. Baker was elected Friday at the 19th annual congress held in Kinston.

EASTER PARTY

The VFW Post will hold an Easter Party at the Post Hall on Saturday night, April 5, beginning at 8 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

Mayor Gives Club Outline Of Plans Local Expansion

Better Late!

The old saying, "better late than never," was again proved here last Monday when Darden Department Store received a letter containing \$5, which explained the writer, "is payment of a bill I owe you since 1928." The sender did not explain the transaction but V. N. Darden, owner of the store, said he would have to do some searching to locate the 30-year-old account.

Rachael Spivey To Be Maid Of Honor At Azalea Court

A pretty Perquimans County High School senior has been selected to participate in the Fifth Annual International Azalea Court to be held in Norfolk's Municipal Gardens on Saturday afternoon, April 19.

Wm. Moultrie Guerry, general chairman of the 1958 Azalea Week in Norfolk program, announced that Rachael Spivey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carson D. Spivey, Sr., on Route 3, Hertford, has been appointed by the faculty of her Perquimans County High School to represent this area as a Maid of Honor in the forthcoming festival at Norfolk.

This marks the first year that Hertford has received an invitation to take part in the international exercises.

Miss Spivey, 18, is Editor-in-chief of yearbook; State winner in 4-H Home Improvement Project; Princess in N. C. Apple Festival in 1956; and Princess in International Cup Regatta in 1955.

Miss Spivey will serve as maid of honor to an international princess from one of the 15 NATO nations. Her escort for the coronation on Saturday afternoon and

Jaycees To Give School Equipment

Directors of the Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce met Friday night and voted to present the athletic department at Perquimans High School with a whirlpool bath to be used in treating injured athletes suffering from sprains and bruised muscles. An order for the equipment, which will cost \$435, has been placed and delivery is expected soon.

Nixon Candidate For County Board

Thomas D. Nixon has announced his candidacy for the office of County Commissioner for Parkville Township. Nixon filed as a candidate with the Board of Elections last Monday. He is a native of Parkville Township.

Chairman Reports Red Cross Drive Termed Successful

Perquimans County has brought to a successful close its 1958 Red Cross Fund drive, it was reported by Mrs. Keith Haskett, chairman, who stated the final report made to Red Cross headquarters amounted to \$1,463.47. The county goal was \$1,458.

The drive this year was conducted on a township basis with three of the six divisions reporting contributions in excess of their goals. Hertford township with a goal of \$500, contributed \$606.24, Parkville township, the goal being \$200, reported \$227.57 and the Negro division, with a goal of \$200, reported \$324.

Marion Swindell, chairman of the local Red Cross Chapter stated the successful drive will enable the chapter to continue its full scale operations including having an active part in the blood program.

In announcing the results of the drive Mrs. Haskett expressed her thanks to the public for the generous support given the Red Cross and the volunteer workers who made the drive successful.

Club Will Sponsor Local Cancer Drive

The Perquimans Business and Professional Women's Club will sponsor the Cancer Crusade in April. Solicitors for the drive and the exact date of the kickoff meeting will be announced at a later date.

Officers for the Perquimans Unit of the American Cancer Society are: President, Miss Hulda Wood; first vice president, Miss Nancy Henderson; second vice president, Miss Audrey Umphlett; secretary, Mrs. Charles Payne; treasurer, Mrs. Frank McGoogan; publicity chairman, Mrs. Melvin G. Owens; campaign chairman Mrs. Norman Elliott and co-chairman, Mrs. R. M. Riddick. Mrs. Bert G. Tyson of Greenville is the Field Consultant.

Forty per cent of the money contributed to the Cancer Fund in Perquimans County is used by the County. Last year out of the \$942.00 collected, since September 1, \$345.00 has been spent on local patient service, which included hospitalization, home nursing, drugs, dressings and transportation; \$200.00 contributed to the State Hospital for terminal cases, which is located near Lumberton, and \$22.00 for Educational meetings, which left a low balance to the State for research work and other purposes.

Rabies Clinic Will Be Conducted Here

The District Health Department will sponsor rabies clinics according to schedules to be published in each county, and all dogs four months of age and older are required by law to be vaccinated during these clinics by the rabies inspectors. In Pasquotank and Camden counties North of High-

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced proposed revisions in the cucumber grades in effect since 1953. The principal change is the addition of U. S. Extra No. 1 grade which will be a combination of the present U. S. Fancy and U. S. No. 1 grades. The new grade requires that at least 50 per cent of the cucumbers in a lot meet requirements of U. S. Fancy grade and the remainder meet requirements of U. S. No. 1. Banadyga explains that North Carolina growers haven't had many cucumbers grade fancy because of restrictions. But he says under the new grading system, local growers would have more of their crop go into the higher grades.

The horticulture specialist says that anyone desiring to submit written views on the proposed changes should write the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Production and Marketing Administration, Washington 25, D. C.

BAKE SALE

The members of the St. Catherine Auxiliary will hold a bake sale Saturday morning, beginning at 10 o'clock at the Perry Electric Store on Church Street.

Highway Official Says Local Bypass Only Considered

Hertford PTA To Meet April 10

A safety program will be presented at the next meeting of the PTA of Hertford Grammar School, which is to be held in the auditorium of the school on Thursday night, April 10, beginning at 8 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

Goodman Funeral Conducted Tuesday

Mrs. Caroline Thomas Britt Goodman, age 79, died Monday morning at 5:40 o'clock at the family residence at New Hope following a lingering illness. She was a native and life-long resident of Perquimans County and the New Hope community; the daughter of the late Jim and Laura Wood Britt, widow of Edward A. Goodman, and a member of the New Hope Methodist Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Walter Saunders of New Hope and Mrs. David Griffin of Lexington, S. C.; two sons, James A. Goodman of Roper and S. A. (Chub) Goodman of Hertford; one sister, Mrs. Mary Keaton of Hertford, and one brother, Jim T. Britt of Hertford; 21 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the chapel of the Twiford Funeral Home in Hertford by the Rev. J. W. Pickett, pastor of the New Hope Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. J. A. Auman, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church.

The New Hope Church Choir sang "In The Garden" accompanied by Mrs. Harvey Butts, Jr., at the organ.

The casket was covered by a pall of Easter lilies, white stock, pink carnations and fern.

Palbearers were Steve Perry, S. D. Banks, F. T. Britt, Julian White, Ervin Turner and Billy Barcliff.

Burial followed in the New Hope Methodist Church Cemetery.

A by-pass on C. S. Highway 17 at Hertford is, at present, only one of a number of considerations being studied by the State Highway Commission for improvement of the highway.

There has been no definite decisions, no basic studies or maps made of any proposed route, that is the information received here Wednesday by Mayor V. N. Darden from W. F. Babcock, Director of Highways.

Earlier, Mayor Darden had queried Mr. Babcock concerning a report circulated in this area that the State was going to construct a by-pass at Hertford and the Mayor requested information as to the plans.

Replying to Mayor Darden, Mr. Babcock wrote: "As you know, the Highway Commission is giving consideration to possible improvement along U. S. 17. One of these proposals that may be given consideration is a possible by-pass for Hertford. The Highway Commission has merely been putting down general listings of what they consider critical traffic problems and critical improvement.

"As you know, there is a possibility that traffic along U. S. 17 might begin to increase in the next few years because of certain constructions and tunnel operations in Norfolk. It may be also that traffic could increase to the point where traffic congestion in and around the Town of Hertford could become intolerable. We realize also that there will be some considerable growth in your town if things develop as are indicated at the Naval Base. At the present time there has been no basic studies or maps of any proposed route in Hertford. We recognize only that there is a problem, and we recognize also that any by-pass or any improvement in and around any city in North Carolina should be developed with the city so that the overall thoroughfare and street plan of the city as it develops over the years can be coordinated with our efforts."

That appears to be the situation insofar as a Hertford by-pass on U. S. 17 is concerned.

Fifteen Cases On Recorder's Docket Here Last Tuesday

Local FHA Members At State Convention

Eleven members of the Perquimans High School Future Homemakers Chapter, along with their advisor and a chaperone, attended the State HA Convention at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium last Saturday.

Speaker for the occasion was Mrs. Bernice McCullar, Supervisor, Office Public Information, State Department of Education, Georgia. Her general topic for the morning was "How To Be A Charming Homemaker". Another speaker for the day was the FFA State President, who was very interesting to the group of over three thousand girls. Other events included the installation of new officers, hearing details of National FHA meeting in Kansas City, and helping to elect a candidate for the National Office of Historian. Serving as ushers for the convention were Rachael Spivey and Glennie Myers of the local chapter.

Those attending were: Eva Ann Smith, Phyllis Hendren, Sara Ward, Patricia White, Katherine Bonner, Glennie Myers, Linda Bass, Mary Lee Ward, Kay Winslow, Rachael Spivey, Miss Frances Nowby, advisor, and Mrs. Sally Bonner, chaperone.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
The son of Jack Symons and the daughter of a son, born to H. E. Daley, charged with failing to observe a stop sign, failed to appear in court to answer to a charge of speeding. The court adjourned to the next date.

Time Running Out For Candidates To File For Offices

Little interest is being manifested in Perquimans County over the primary election to be conducted May 31, according to W. A. White, chairman of the Board of Elections. He pointed out only nine candidates have filed for the 16 offices which will be at stake in the primary.

Mr. White stated that 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, April 19, will be the deadline for individuals to file as candidates for offices to be filled by the election.

Offices to be filled include the Board of County Commissioners, five positions on the Board of Education, County Representative, Clerk of Court, Sheriff, County Treasurer, Judge of Recorder's Court and County Coroner.

The election chairman reported his board will meet shortly for the purpose of naming polling officials for the primary. Registration books will be open for four weeks on Saturday, May 3.

Candidates who have already filed for offices include J. Emmett Winslow, who is seeking election to the office of State Senator from the First District.

J. K. White has filed as a candidate for re-election to the office as sheriff, while D. F. Reed, Jr., has filed for re-election as County Treasurer. Chas. E. Johnson has also filed for re-election as Judge of Recorder's Court.

On Monday Thomas D. Nixon filed as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner to represent Parkville Township. Wednesday was the most active day for candidate filing. Four persons paid filing fees and indicated intentions to seek office. These were Mrs. Jack Brinn and Mrs. A. R. Cook as candidates for membership on the board of education; Warner Madre, who is now a candidate for reelection to the board of commissioners from Bethel Township and George W. Baker, who filed as a candidate for the board of commissioners to represent Parkville Township.

Other incumbents, up to Wednesday, had not indicated their intentions concerning running for re-election.

Library Hours Are Announced

A schedule of hours for the Perquimans County Library for the coming week-end has been announced as follows: The Library will be closed Friday afternoon, open on Saturday and closed all day Monday, April 7; reopening on normal schedule Tuesday.

County Boards To Meet Next Tuesday

Meetings of two county boards, the Commissioners and Board of Education, will be held next Tuesday, April 8, instead of Monday. The Commissioners' meeting will start at 10 A. M., in the court room, while the Board of Education will meet at the same time in the office of the school superintendent.